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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP99/06309 filed November 12, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 5. (Amended) A recombinant vector containing the hAMSH cDNA of claim 3.
- 11. (Amended) A recombinant vector containing the mAMSH cDNA of claim 9.

Please add the following new claims:

- 13. A recombinant vector containing the DNA fragment of claim 4.
- 14. A recombinant vector containing the DNA fragment of claim 10.